

Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand ranged light to moderate best where feature activity was planned. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Breast items were readily available. Other items were generally adequate to available. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

## Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Sep. 13, 2003

	<b>FOOD SERVICE/</b>		<b>RETAIL</b>	<b>DEBONING</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>FAST FOOD</b>				
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	-----	
Total (000)	24,993	29,801	51,995		106,789
Percentage	23%	28%	49%		100%

### Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	2,474	2.32
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	2,001	1.87
3.81 – 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	11,986	11.22
4.01 – 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>8,532</u>	<u>7.99</u>
		24,993	23.40

### BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Jul 26	<b>206,521</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>167,532</b>	<b>100</b>	210,122	98	171,915	99	<b>157,247</b>	<b>100</b>
Aug 02	<b>206,486</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>167,227</b>	<b>98</b>	211,058	99	173,204	100	<b>159,246</b>	<b>101</b>
Aug 09	<b>207,339</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>169,877</b>	<b>101</b>	210,051	99	172,610	100	<b>160,883</b>	<b>101</b>
Aug 16	<b>205,238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>169,222</b>	<b>101</b>	211,029	99	172,264	100	<b>161,757</b>	<b>101</b>
Aug 23	<b>205,977</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>168,436</b>	<b>100</b>	209,402	99	171,412	99	<b>160,560</b>	<b>99</b>
Aug 30	<b>203,412</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>168,375</b>	<b>101</b>	207,028	100	169,189	100	<b>162,103</b>	<b>101</b>
Sep 06	<b>200,452</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>167,621</b>	<b>100</b>	201,941	99	164,868	99	<b>137,041</b>	<b>85</b>
Sep 13	<b>196,147</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>169,258</b>	<b>102</b>	205,095	99	166,973	100	<b>158,505</b>	<b>116</b>
Sep 20	<b>194,733</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>165,572</b>	<b>100</b>	204,832	98	166,977	98	<b>156,044</b>	<b>98</b>

Data in bold are subject to revision \*Percent of previous year \*\*Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
<b>Week of 09/29/03</b>				
<b>NEW YORK</b> Grade A Ice-packed _____	58– 60	58.95	61.68	44.87
<b>CHICAGO</b> Grade A Ice-packed _____	53– 56	56.65	58.27	43.57
<b>LOS ANGELES</b> Grade A Ice-packed _____	74	71.57	71.62	66.31
<b>12-CITY COMPOSITE</b> Weighted Avg.		63.23	64.59	53.07
<b>GEORGIA DOCK</b> FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 69.25)		67.67	67.65	62.03
<b>SOUTHERN STATES</b> FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		55.07	55.80	35.26

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	09/26/03	09/26/03	09/29/03
Breast – B/S	175.13	166.35	189.50
Thenderloins	166.09	172.70	207.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	87.22	94.47	96.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	28.57	26.52	32.00
Wings	84.01	80.09	86.50